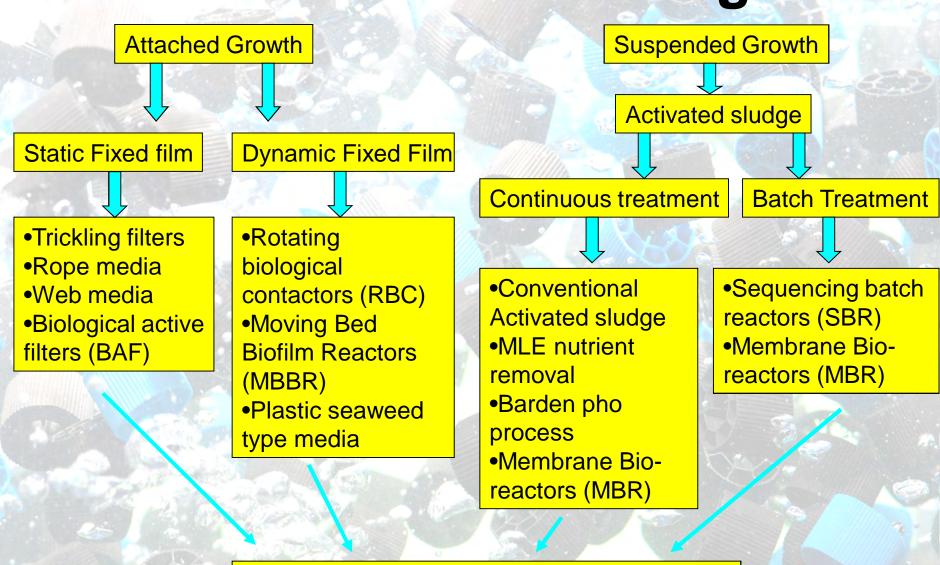


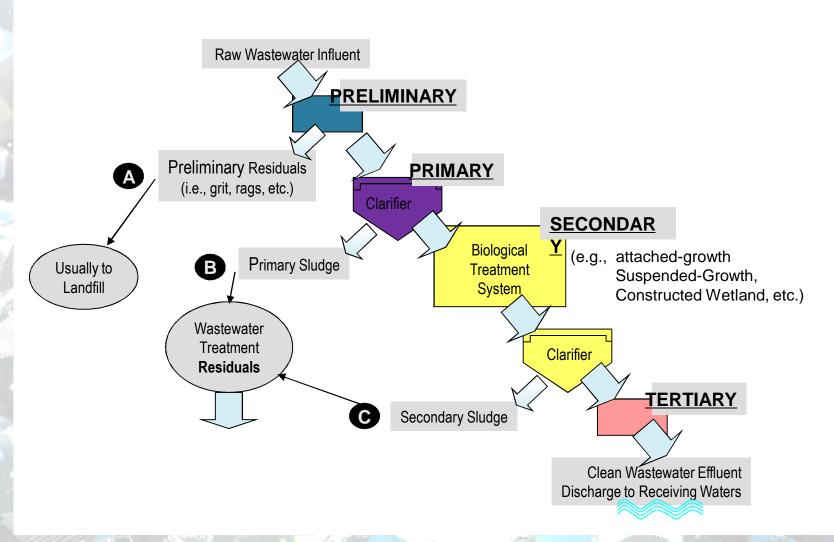
#### Wastewater Technologies



Integrated Fixed-Film Activated Sludge (IFAS)

Headworks 1

# General Overview of Plant's Components





#### Fixed Film Technologies



Trickling filters are a static, air phase fixed film treatment system.

RBCs are partially water and air phase.





MBBRs are dynamic, water phase fixed film treatment systems





# MBBR = Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor

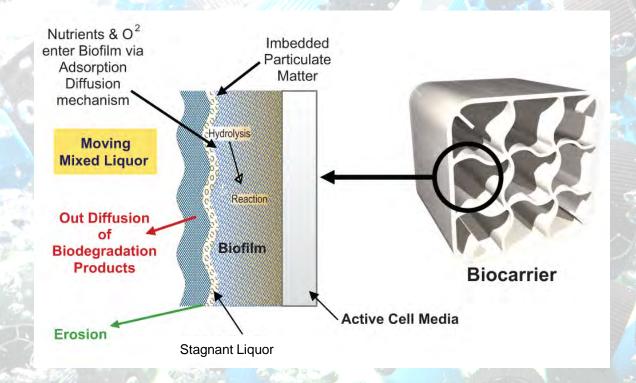
- Headworks Bio Inc's process is based on the biofilm principle using polyethylene carrier elements.
- The carrier elements, which are less dense than water,0.93-0.95 SG, provide a large protected surface for bacteria culture.
- MBBR provides advantages of Activated Sludge and Trickling Filter systems without their disadvantages.
- MBBR is one of the most documented processes with many technical publications and presentations.





# Dynamic Water Phase Fixed Films

- No problems with odors, snails or red-worms as in air phase fixed films.
- Easier transfer of contaminants and oxygen to the biomass.
- Biofilm thickness is maintained and controlled by continuous sloughing created by the aeration-mixing process.
- NO attrition of media plants 20 years old are still using original media





#### **Biofilm Growth on Media**

Mixing energy controls the biological thickness

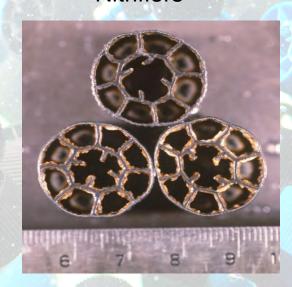


BOD

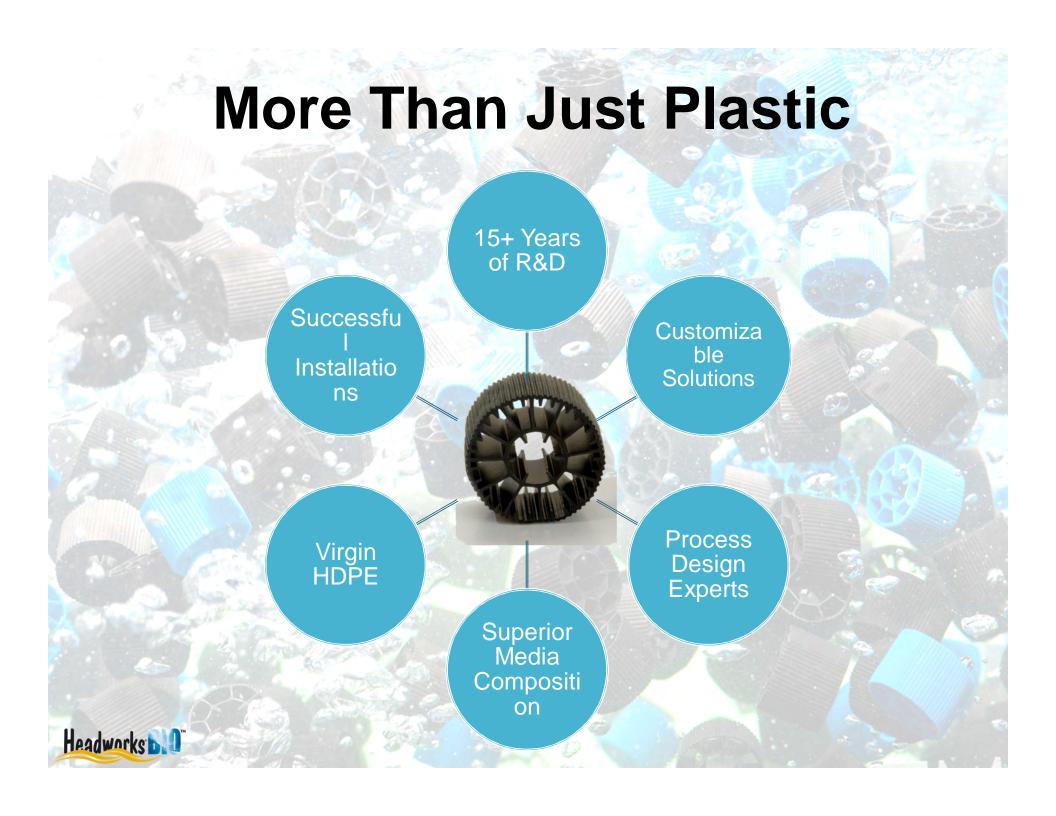




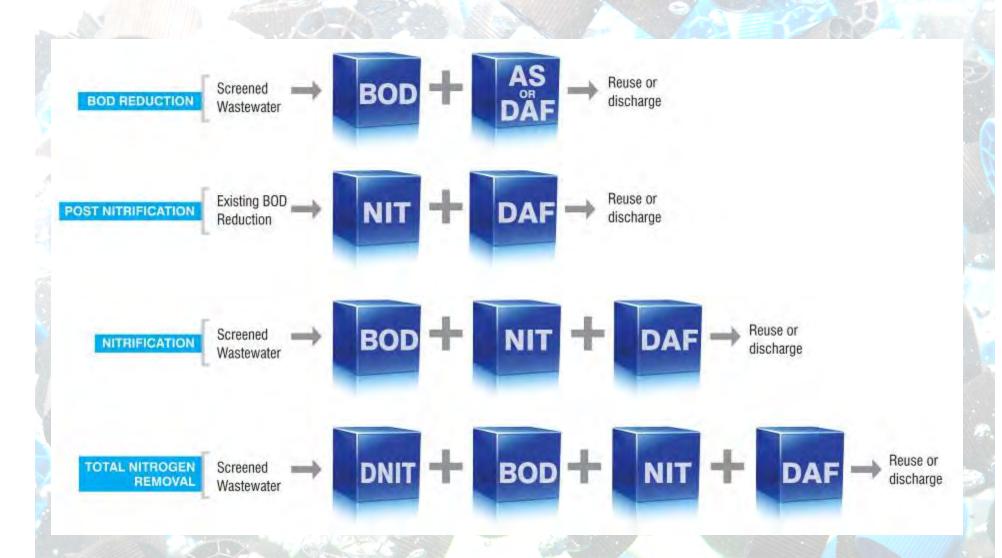
**Nitrifiers** 







#### **Customizable Processes**





#### What's the Difference?

#### **IFAS**

Integrated Fixed Film Activated Sludge

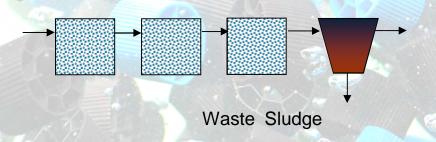
- Includes Return Activated Sludge (RAS)
- Fixed film & Suspended growth

# Return Activated Sludge Waste Activated Sludge

#### **MBBR**

Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor

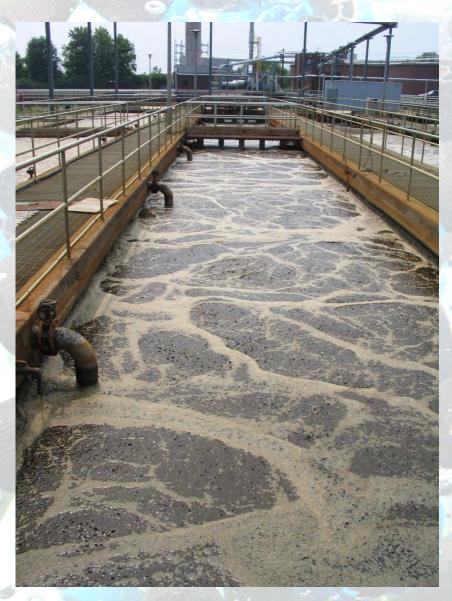
- No RAS "Once through" process
- Fixed film Only





#### Why MBBR?

- Self regulating biomass.
- Flexible Design that allows for increased capacity.
- No operational adjustments, only equipment maintenance.
- Stable under large load variations.
- Smaller foot prints.
- Low investment Cost.
- Single pass treatment.
- Multiple applications.
- Extremely compact and simple biological treatment system.





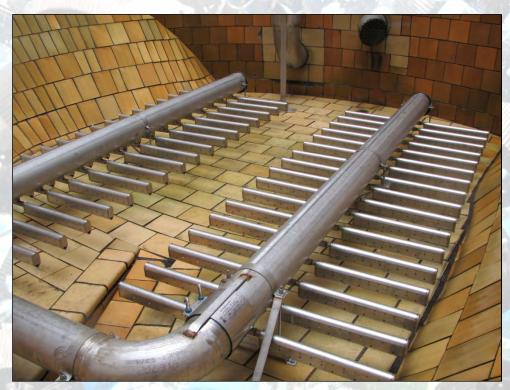
#### **Key MBBR Design Parameters**

- Organic surface loading rate (g BOD/m2d)
   Normal rate : 10 13 g BOD<sub>5</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>d @25 °C
- Protected surface area of carrier (m2/m3)
   400 680 m²/m³ for Headworks ActiveCell Media
- The Biomedia carrier filling fraction (%)
   Normally: 50 67 % (minimum 30%)
- Temperature
  - kT = 1,07(T-10) (when T = 5 10 oC)
  - kT = 1,06(T-10) (when T = 10 20 oC)





#### **Key Components: MBBR**



**Aeration Grid** 



**Retention Sieves** 



Activecell™ Media

1% = Equipment Supply / 99% = Knowledge

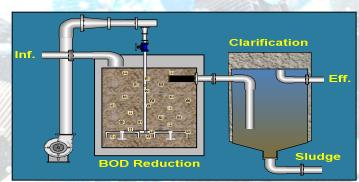


#### **Applications**

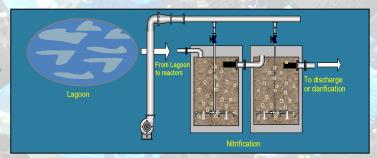
#### Features:

- Single pass treatment
- No operational adjustments
- Only equipment maintenance
- Self regulating biomass
- Small foot print
- Multiple applications

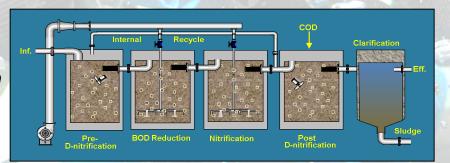
BOD/COD Reduction



**Nitrification** 



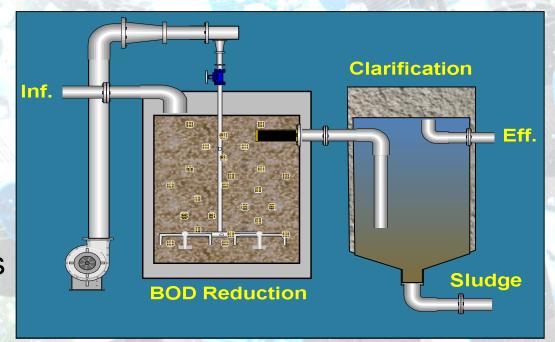
Denitrification





#### **BOD/COD Removal**

- High loads
- Up to 6000 mg/l
- Small foot print
- Single pass treatment
- No recycle
- No operator adjustments
- Biology self regulating
- Low BOD effluent
- 50% to 80 % reduction in 30 minutes
- < 10 mg/l BOD (after clarification)</li>

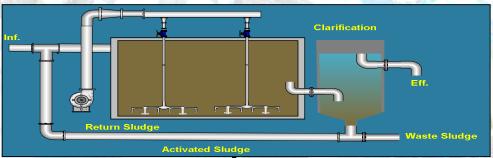




#### **IFAS Applications**

(works best at temperatures < 25° C)

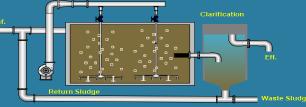
**Existing Plant** BOD & TSS = 30 mg/L



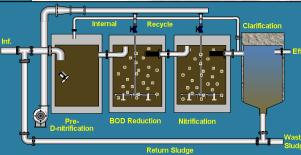
**Nitrification Only** 

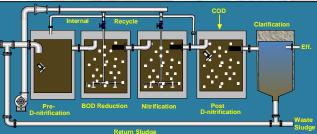
 $NH_3-N < 1 mg/L$ 

 $NH_3-N < 1 mg/L &$ **Pre-DN & Nitrification** 



 $NH_3-N < 1 mg/L &$ TN >8 mg/L





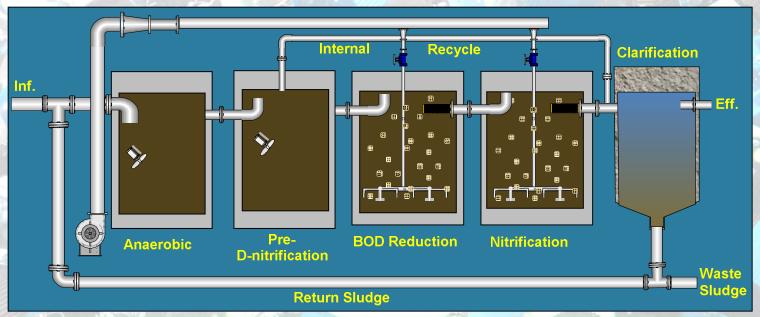
**Pre & Post DN** 

TN < 3 mg/L



#### Biological Phosphorous Removal

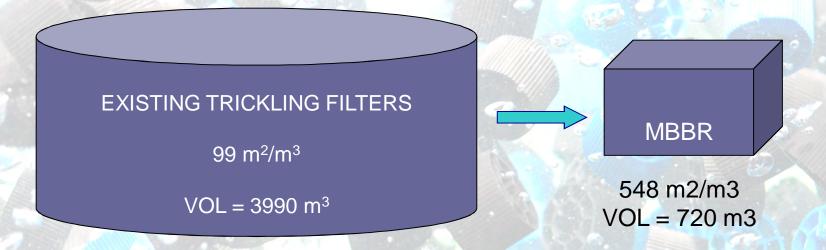
- Decreases tank volume required for BOD/COD and Nitrification allowing room for Bio-P and De-nitrification.
- Allows for the suspended growth sludge age to be tailored for maximum phosphorus removal.
- Nitrification biology grows on media and is not affected by low sludge ages of suspended growth.





#### **Footprint Comparison**

**Tricking Filter vs. MBBR** 



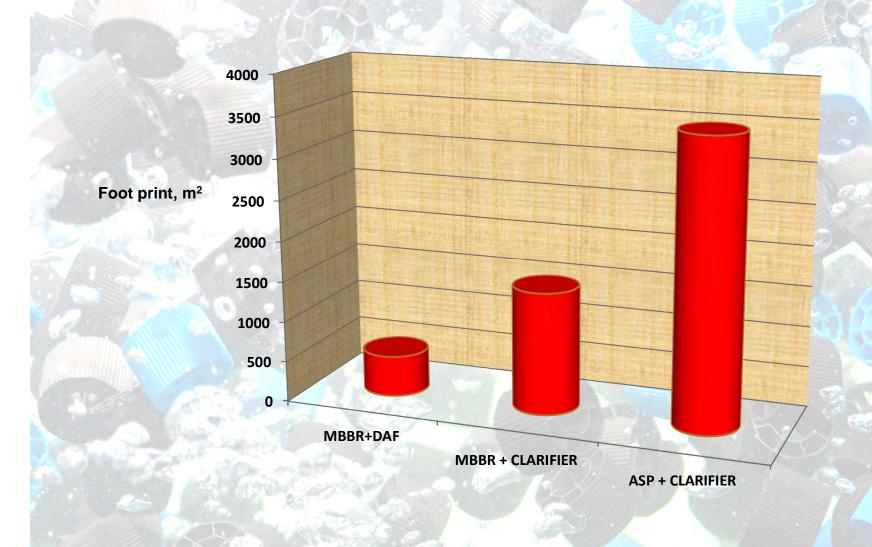
#### AT EQUAL LEVELS OF BOD REMOVAL:

MBBR Provides Five times the Biofilm Surface Area in less than 1/4 Reactor Volume as Trickling Filter

**Kinetics = MBBR is More Active & Efficient than Trickling Filter** 



### Footprint comparison





#### RBC vs MBBR

Example Plant with 5000 m3/d design flow:

Influent: BOD: 600mg/l, COD: 1000 mg/l, TSS 600 mg/l Effluent: BOD: 50 mg/l, COD: 80 mg/l, TSS 60 mg/l



RBC requires 800 m2 area and 93 kW for disk drives

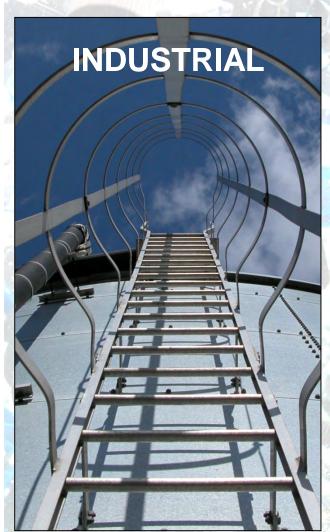


MBBR requires 195 m2 area and 93 kW for air blowers.

The power on the MBBR can be varied based on the influent load where the RBC cannot.



#### **MBBR Areas of Focus**





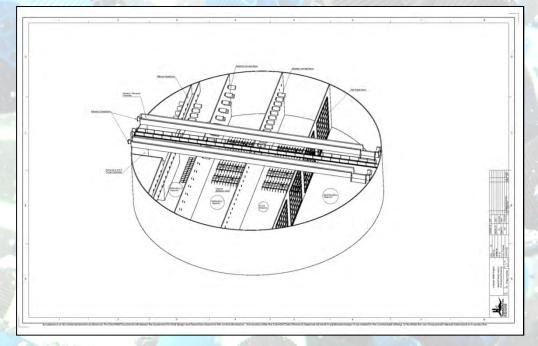




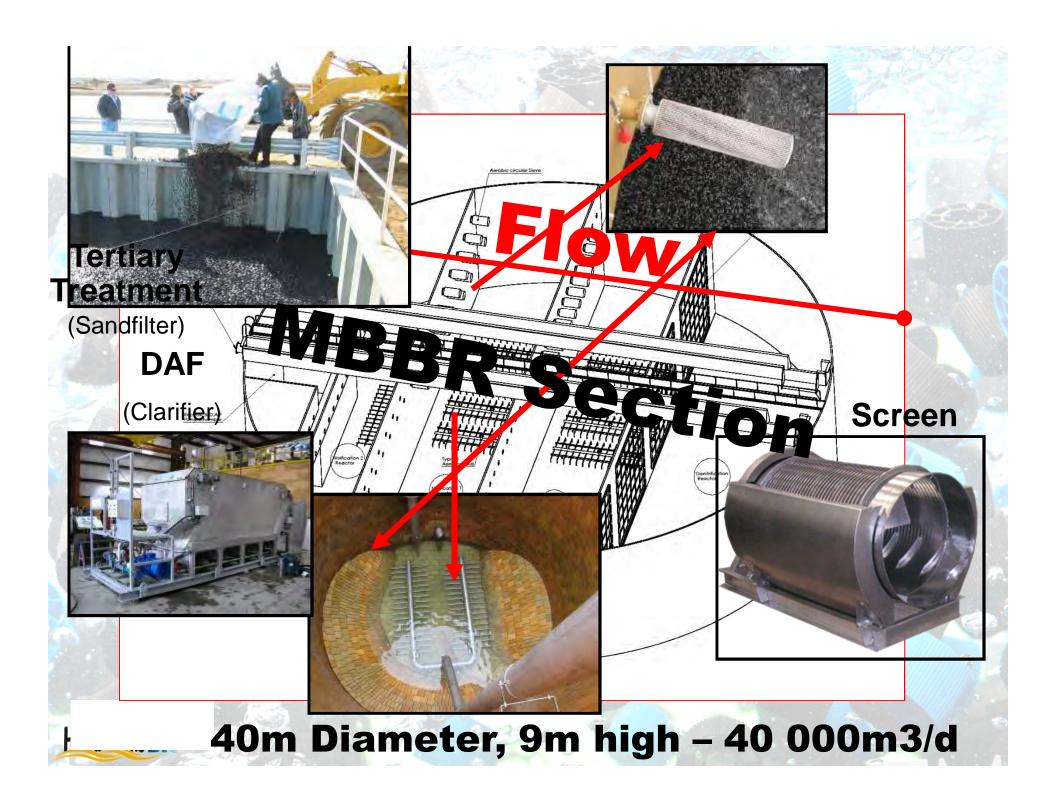
#### MBBR Size vs. Activated Sludge

- Activated Sludge Extended Air process is designed for 12 to 24 hours hydraulic retention time (HRT).
- The MBBR need only 2 to 3 HRT to achieve the same level of nitrification.
- This is less than or equal to ¼ the tank volume.
- Typical biomass levels in activated sludge plants is between 2500 mg/l to 3500 mg/l of suspended solids.
- Typical equivalent biomass in an MBBR is 6000 mg/l of attach growth.
- This is 2 times more available treatment mass.









#### Carousel Upgrade

(Typical Saudi Arabian Wastewater Plant)

Current Design Capacity: 25,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d

Effluent Quality:?

Option 1  Capacity Increases to 45,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d

Effluent Quality: 10/10/3\*

 Capacity Increases to 90,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d

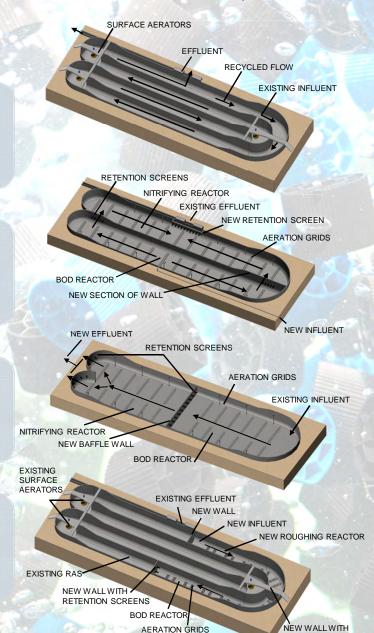
Effluent Quality: 10/10/3\*

 Capacity Increases to 45,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d

• Effluent Quality: 10/10/3\*

Option

Option





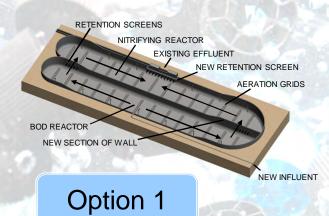


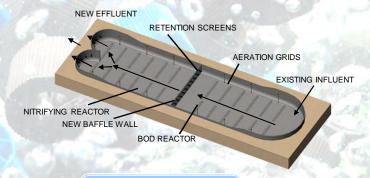




RETENTION SCREENS







Option 2



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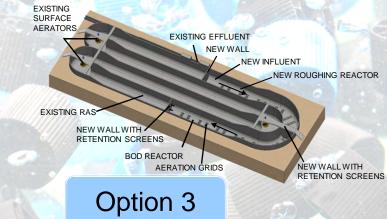
100%

Yes

No

% Retrofit Existing Tank with Diffused Aeration

Remove Existing Surface Aerators





#### **Capacity Increase**





Flow increase of 4 x 250 m<sup>3</sup>/d up to 4 x 1000 m<sup>3</sup>/d

#### Phased increase in capacity

Existing plant capacity can be increased by adding more media into the MBBR Tank

Existing

**MBBR** 

After

50% fill



70% fill



BOD Load = 300 kg/d BOD Load = 420 kg/d

Fill fraction = 50 % Fill fraction = 70 %







### Moorhead, MN: 22,750 m<sup>3</sup>/day





# Agnico Eagle LeRonde Mine: Cadillac, Quebec



## Jamaica: 8,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day



### Finland: 18,500 m<sup>3</sup>/day







#### **Marine Installations**

CleanSea® Shipboard Wastewater Treatment





















# Onboard the Largest Cruise Ship in the World



#### **Extensive Installation List**

Installations including municipal in the following industries:





- Food Processing
- Landfill Leachate
- Marine
- Meat Processing
- Mining
- Petrochemical
- Pharmaceuticals
- Power Plant
- Pulp & Paper
- Septage Processing
- Vehicle Wash



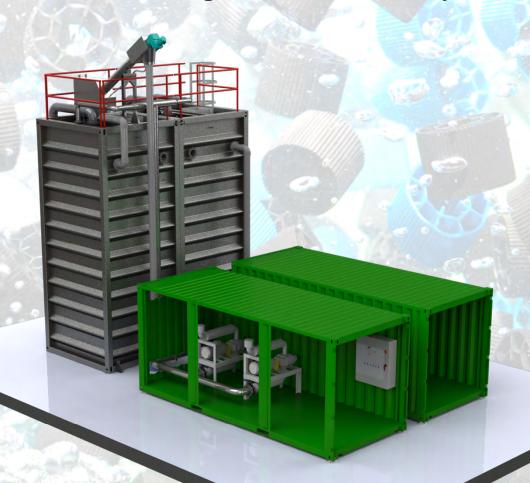






### HIT System™

**Headworks Integrated Treatment System** 



Single Train with DAF DN-BOD-Nitrification, 500 – 650 m3/d, at 25 C



### HIT System™

**Headworks Integrated Treatment System** 





#### Comparison: MBR vs MBBR

	MBR Plant	MBBR Plant	
Capital Investment	High	Low	
Footprint	Low	Low	
Flow Tolerance	Low	High	
Aeration Blowers	Required	Required	
Recirculation Pumps	Required	Not Required	
Air Scouring Blowers	Required	Not Required	
Screening Requirements	High	Low	
Chemical Usage	High	N/A	
Operational Difficulty	High	Low	

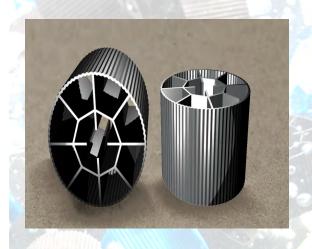


### Comparison: 800 m³/day

MBBR	RBC	Activated Sludge	SBR
No residual suspended solids	No residual suspended solids	Requires residual suspended solids (MLSS)	Requires residual suspended solids (MLSS)
Self regulating, no operator adjustments	Self regulating, no operator adjustments	Operator adjusts MLSS levels	Operator adjusts MLSS levels
Single pass flow through	Single pass flow through	MLSS sludge recycled back through plant	May or may not require MLSS recycle
1 hour retention time (based on 800m3/d)	4 hours retention time	4 hours retention time	5 hours retention time (includes clarification)
8.25 m2 treatment area	64 m2 treatment area	33.75 m2 treatment area	31.5 m2 treatment area (includes clarification)
Not affected by high flows	Biology stripped of media with high flows	MLSS can be flushed out with high flows	Rarely affected by high flows
Low mechanical equipment	High mechanical equipment	Moderate mechanical equipment	Low mechanical equipment
Stable nutrient removal	Unstable nutrient removal	Unstable nutrient removal	Stable nutrient removal



# Which Activecell media has the larger protected surface area?







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